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Editorial

The Department of Mathematics of Ohio University, with support from the College of Arts and Sciences, hosted a conference on May 31–June 1, 1997, in honor Howard H. Wicke on the occasion of his retirement. The organizing committee consisted of A.V. Arhangel'skii, W. Just, M.A. Swardson, and P.J. Szeptycki. The idea of this special issue of *Topology and its Applications* arose from that conference.

Talks were given by J. Worrell, M.E. Rudin, J. Vaughan, R. Bouziakova, O. Pavlov, G. Grabner, M. Cho, D.K. Burke, R. Heath, J. Tartir, W. Just, P.J. Szeptycki, M.A. Swardson, A.V. Arhangel'skii, and H.H. Wicke. Other out of town participants included J. Harris, S. Davis, E. Grabner and R. Hodel.

Howard Wicke was a major force in the establishment of Ohio University as a center for the study of general topology, and he worked very hard to make sure that this tradition of concentration in topology did not wane with his retirement. Due in part to his inspiration the field of general topology remains an important aspect of the program at Ohio University.

Finally we would like to thank Professor Jerry E. Vaughan for his assistance in preparing this special issue.

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